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ON ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA (ITEM 12) A/C.2/3/L.87

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN USDEL JOINING CONSENSUS IN
FAVOR OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, EXPLANATION OF US
RESERVATIONS REGARDING RESOLUTION SHOULD BE MADE AS
FOLLOWS:

2. THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED THE CONSENSUS ON THE
RESOLUTION ON AID TO ANGOLA OUT OF A DESIRE TO
FACILITATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF
ANGOLA DISPLACED BY THE FIGHTING IN THAT COUNTRY. WE
WOULD TAKE ISSUE, HOWEVER, WITH SOME OF THE BASIC
ASSUMPTIONS OF THE RESOLUTION.

3. WE HAVE STATED OUR POSITION ON THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS
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INVOLVED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ELSEWHERE. HERE, I

WOULD ONLY COMMENT THAT ANGOLA IS WELL ENDOWED WITH AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES, ARABLE LAND AND AN INDUSTRIOUS PEOPLE. THE TRAGIC ECONOMIC PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE IN ANGOLA IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE

CONTINUING CIVIL WAR IN THAT COUNTRY.

4. THE ANGOLAN ECONOMY COULD BE QUICKLY RESTORED IF A PEACEFUL CLIMATE EXISTED WITHIN THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT OF LUANDA HAS IT WITHIN ITS POWER TO END THE SUFFERING OF ITS PEOPLE BY MOVING TO ACHIEVE A GOVERNMENT MORE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL FACTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

5. THE UNITED STATES IS WELL AWARE OF THE HUMAN SUFFERING THE WAR HAS ENGENDERED IN ANGOLA. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO THE REQUEST FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR ASSISTANCE TO HELP THE 700,000 DISPLACED PEOPLE AND REFUGEES IN ANGOLA BY AGREEING TO PROVIDE UP TO \$15 MILLION IN FOODSTUFFS.

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